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Mrs. Mary Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications & Energy One South Station Boston, MA 02110

RE: <u>D.T.E. 01-100 Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own</u>

motion to appropriateness of the use of Risk Management Techniques investigate the to

Mitigate Natural Gas Price Volatility.

Dear Ms. Cottrell,

The Competitive Suppliers decline to submit reply comments in this proceeding. After review of other parties' comments, we have nothing new to add to our original comments. AllEnergy would point out however that no other party has addressed the term of any financial instrument that would be used in a utility risk management program. We reiterate that LDCs should be limited to locking in prices for the next six-month CGA period. This is a critical issue that the Suppliers believe must be addressed and goes to the heart of whether or not a utility risk management program will impact the competitive market. We look forward to participating in any technical sessions or hearings the Department requires in order to make a decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

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